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For : METHOD OF DETECTING PERILYMPHATIC FISTULA

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir :

Responsive to the Office Action of April 29, 2009, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end July 29, 2009, no extension of time is believed necessary. However, the Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Attachments** are listed on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.